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Canberra Airport to overhaul terminal retail

Canberra Airport is partnering with new retailers to add more than 1,000 sqm of new retail, food and beverage destinations with a focus on local food and locally-made gifts that showcase Canberra and the surrounding regions.

After a competitive market tender process, Australian airport food and beverage company, Airport Retail Enterprises (ARE) has been awarded the food and beverage component of the new terminal retail. On the Western Concourse (Virgin or International end), they will create a new café, ‘City Hill Coffee,’ serving Canberra’s favourite ONA coffee near the main atrium’s Unfurling sculpture. They will also create an Asian noodle and sushi offering called ‘Noodles XO,’ and a health food offer.

“Canberra has a fantastic local food scene, and we are very pleased to be partnering with many local producers to bring this to the airport. The new terminal will become a fantastic showcase of the region’s produce,” says CEO John Chapman of ARE. “We are extremely excited and privileged to be part of such a dynamic and world-class airport, and we look forward to partnering with them in this next stage in Canberra Airport’s journey.”

On the Southern Concourse (Qantas end) the existing Limestone Bar, Tuk Shop and Hudson coffee will be replaced by, ‘Capital Brewing Co. Bar,’ a partnership with the well-known, local brewery to showcase the latest brews on offer, combined with high-quality, locally-sourced meals. Additionally, they will add a mixed news, books, travel essentials and café space on the ground floor in the arrivals baggage hall.

Australian Way Pty Ltd (AWPL), a world-class airport retailer with stores in many airports around Australia and New Zealand, has been awarded the news, books and gifting component of the new terminal retail. AWPL will initially bring ‘News@CBR’ to Canberra Airport. Designed to create a true sense of place and a brand that will belong to all Canberra Airport customers, ‘News@ CBR’ will offer news, books and everyday travel essentials.

Following the opening of ‘News@CBR,’ AWPL will open a second store, ‘Merchant Canberra,’ which will showcase iconic gifts from Canberra, its surrounding region, and around Australia.

“Canberra Airport is a stunning facility,” says AWPL Managing Director Costa Kouros. “To be chosen as the airport’s speciality retail partner for the next seven years is something that fills my team with gratitude and determination. It is our absolute focus to connect with the local community, deliver a retail offering that brings commercial growth to Canberra Airport, and also significantly enhances the customer experience.”

Construction will begin in coming months and stores will be introduced in two stages, with stage one finishing by the end of this year and stage two being completed by Easter 2020.

“We are excited about these new partnerships as we work through the last piece in our terminal puzzle,” says Richard Snow, Head of Property at Canberra Airport. “We have worked for years, focusing on making the travel experience for Canberrans and our visitors as seamless and efficient as possible. Now we are proud to be able to add in more restaurants and café options as well as retail that helps visitors remember their trip with local produce and gifts.”



New food and beverage options landing soon in the Canberra Airport main terminal.



New travel essentials, news and books retail will also be landing soon.

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